



TRIBAL LEADER FORUM SERIES

EXPLORING THE BUSINESS LINK OPPORTUNITY: TRANSMISSION & CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST

February 7-8, 2012

SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN HOTEL
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The second in a series of planned DOE Office of Indian Energy-sponsored strategic energy development & investment forums, and co-sponsored by DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, this two day Forum will provide an opportunity for Tribal leaders and executives to: interact with industry executives and federal leaders, get up to date information on transmission development and planning activities in the West, and hear the latest in trends in recent financing of clean energy projects. This Forum will also provide a venue for Tribal leaders and executives to hear directly from, and talk directly to, each other regarding best practices in tribal project partnerships and investments.

****** There is no fee to register for the Forum, but it is important that you register by sending an e-mail with your name, contact information and e-mail address to the Office of Indian Energy at IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov.
Registration due by February 1, 2012******

Please call the **Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel** at 303-893-3333 (or 1-800-325-3535) to make hotel reservations. To receive the group rate of \$129+ per night, please mention that you are with the **DOE Tribal Leader Energy Forum**. The rooms will be held under this special room block until **Friday, January 27**.

You can also make your reservations by visiting
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1201108832&key=EC30A>.

For more information regarding hotel accommodations, please contact Jacquelyn Pless at jacquelyn.pless@ncsl.org.

AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 MEETING ROOM—WINDOWS ROOM

8:30am – 8:50am	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS <i>Chairman, Colorado Tribe</i> <i>Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy</i> <i>Lamont Jackson, Representative, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability</i> Introductions
8:50am – 9:10am	FEDERAL TRANSMISSION DISCUSSION: TRANSMISSION EXPANSION IN THE WEST <i>Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration (confirmed)</i>
9:10am – 9:30am	TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC: PERSPECTIVES FROM BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION <i>Bill Drummond, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration (confirmed)</i>

9:30am – 10:45am	<p>TRANSMISSION POLICY AND REGULATION PRIMER: OVERVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITIES & CURRENT POLICY TRENDS</p> <p>The Basics of Transmission in the West <i>Robert Henke</i>, Senior Vice President, ICF International (confirmed) <i>Laurie Woodall</i>, Principal, URS Phoenix (confirmed)</p>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK
11:00am – 12:15pm	<p>TRANSMISSION & RENEWABLES: NEW FEDERAL TECHNOLOGIES & INTEGRATION PROGRAMS AND GREEN LINE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Update on DOE Transmission Programs and Initiatives <i>Representative</i>, DOE Rapid Response Transmission Team</p> <p>Trends in Transmission Development: Energy Storage & Green Lines <i>Michael A. Stosser</i>, Partner, Day Pitney LLP (confirmed) <i>Speaker</i>, Transmission Development Company</p>
12:15pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15pm – 3:00pm	<p>TRIBE CASE STUDIES: INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES OF TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Tribal and development partner principals will discuss their respective joint ventures, successful transmission interconnection experiences as well as transmission development and ownership partnerships.</p> <p>Five Nations Energy Five Nations Energy Inc. is one of five licensed electricity transmitters in the province of Ontario. This inter-tribal transmission company serves First Nations communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan. <i>Lucie Edwards</i>, Chief Executive Officer, Five Nations Energy Inc. (confirmed)</p> <p>TBA</p>
3:00pm – 3:20pm	BREAK
3:20pm – 5:00pm	<p>CLEAN ENERGY PURCHASING & RPS STATUS UPDATES</p> <p>State Renewable Energy Standards & Markets Summary An executive summary of Western States' Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), Compliance Status and Tribal Energy Resource Areas of Highest Potential <i>Representative</i>, DOE Office of Indian Energy START Program, NREL</p> <p>UTILITY PURCHASER UPDATES Utility executives will discuss their current renewable energy commitments, current market trends and status of renewable portfolio standards in their respective markets.</p>

5:00pm – 5:30pm	DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES Updates on DOE’s EPAAct 2005 Tribal Energy Purchasing Guidance and Discussion of Minority Energy Procurement Opportunities <i>Pilar Thomas</i> , Deputy Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy
5:30pm – 5:45pm	DAY ONE CONCLUSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 MEETING ROOM—WINDOWS ROOM	
9:00am – 9:20am	DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR POLICY UPDATES: CLARIFYING AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR TRIBAL PROJECT APPROVALS <i>Jodi Gillette</i> , Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior (confirmed)
9:20am – 10:30am	FINANCING ISSUES & TOOLS FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN COUNTRY Tribal Economic Development Bonding – Update New Markets Tax Credits & Other Infrastructure Finance Tools & Strategies for Tribes – Update <i>Steve McSloy</i> , Partner, SNR Denton (confirmed) USDA- Rural Utility Service and Other Energy Programs—Update
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am – 12:00pm	FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY DOE Office of Indian Energy’s Renewable Financing in Indian Country Primer <i>Bob Springer</i> , National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) <i>Representative</i> , Reznick
12:00pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
1:15pm – 2:45pm	NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRANSMISSION EXPANSION PLANNING Regional Transmission Expansion Planning (RTEP) Program Updates & Transmission-Energy-Water Nexus Status Update Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) RTEP Status Update <i>Byron Woertz</i> , Senior Project Manager, WECC (confirmed) Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) RTEP Status Update <i>Representative</i> , EIPC Western Governors’ Association (WGA) WGA’s Status Update on the RTEP’s Water/Energy Nexus Analysis and Work

	<i>Tom Iseman</i> , Program Director, WGA (confirmed)
2:45pm – 3:00pm	BREAK
3:00pm – 4:30pm	CLOSED SESSION—TRIBAL LEADERS AND TRIBAL EXECUTIVES This session is dedicated to providing an open forum for Tribal leaders and executives to exchange stories and ideas to better promote and facilitate efforts, on all levels, related to transmission and clean energy development and investment.
4:30pm – 4:45pm	CONCLUSION & WRAP-UP